

Article - Local Government

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§19–206.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, this section applies only to the following governmental entities:

- (i) a county;
- (ii) a public corporation or other political subdivision of the State; or
- (iii) an agency or instrumentality of a county, public corporation, or other political subdivision of the State.

(2) This section does not apply to the following governmental entities:

- (i) Baltimore City;
- (ii) a municipality; or
- (iii) a housing authority under Division II of the Housing and Community Development Article.

(b) (1) This section does not apply to a bond that:

- (i) matures within 1 year after the date of issue and is issued:
 - 1. in anticipation of taxes;
 - 2. to meet current expenses; or
 - 3. to meet an emergency;
- (ii) is sold to the United States or a unit or instrumentality of the United States;
- (iii) is issued under a plan of composition approved in a proceeding under Chapter IX of the United States Bankruptcy Act; or
- (iv) is issued under any other plan to refund or refinance in exchange, bond for bond, for an outstanding maturing debt, other than:

1. a current or floating debt; or
2. a bond under item (i) of this paragraph.

(2) This section does not apply to bond or grant anticipation notes issued under Part III of this subtitle.

(3) This section does not apply to a bond issued under an enabling act that:

- (i) states that this section does not apply; or
- (ii) provides a different method for establishing the maturity of the bond.

(c) (1) A governmental entity shall issue bonds on a serial maturity plan.

(2) The governmental entity may:

- (i) vary the amounts of the series; and
- (ii) provide for the maturity of a series in consecutive annual installments or at longer intervals.

(d) (1) The maturity date of the final series shall be based on the purpose for which the bonds are issued:

(i) within the time limit that applies under the schedule in paragraph (2) of this subsection; or

(ii) if more than one time limit applies, within the shortest applicable time limit.

(2) The schedule of maturity dates is as follows:

Limit on Purpose of Issue	Maturity of Issue
Paving existing highways or streets	10 years
Airports and buildings constructed or to be constructed thereon	15 years
Highway construction	20 years

Electric light and power systems	25 years
Gas systems	25 years
Grade crossing eliminations	25 years
Harbor improvements	25 years
School construction	25 years
All other permanent structures of durable materials	25 years
Bridges	30 years
Land acquired for permanent improvements	40 years
Sewerage installation	40 years
Water systems	40 years

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